

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Prior Application: Y. NAKAYA  
Serial No. 10/262,934  
Filed: October 3, 2002

Group Art Unit: 2613  
Examiner: H. BRITTON  
For: METHOD OF CODING AND DECODING IMAGE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified  
application as follows: